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In re Applicat William J. Be		)	
	•	) Examiner:	Frank Duong
Serial No:	09/420,616	) ) Art Unit:	2666
Filing Date:	October 18, 1999	)	RECEIVED
For:	Apparatus and Method for Optimizing Packet Length in TOL Networks	) )	SEP 0 3 2003
		)	Technology Center 2600
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

## TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2.	This re	quest is being submitted:
i.	[X]	Prior to abandonment of the application
ii.	[]	With payment of the issue fee
	[]	Prior to payment of issue fee
	[]	Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted
iii.	[]	Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
	[]	A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed
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#### **ENCLOSURES**

- 3. Enclosed herewith is/are:
  - [] A Petition for Extension of Time for \_\_ month(s).
  - [X] Please enter the Amendment filed <u>July 28, 2003</u>.
  - [] Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
  - [] An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and references.
  - [] New arguments
  - [] New evidence in support of patentability
  - [] Other:

# FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))

# 4. [x] Filing fee has been calculated as shown below after entering the previous amendment (other than small entity):

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Pres Extra		ite Additional Fees	l
Total Claims	16	-20	=-0-	x \$ 1	18 \$ -0-	
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Basic filing Fee					\$750.00	
				Total	\$834.00	

5. [x] Please charge Deposit Account No. <u>19-2179</u> in the amount of \$834.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-2179</u> pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

PLEASE MAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Respectfully submitted,

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